

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

USDA Forest Service  
Cherokee National Forest  
Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger District  
Polk County, Tennessee

### **Proposed Replacement of Ocoee 2-3 Transmission Line**

The Cherokee National Forest is considering whether to provide a special use permit to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to replace the existing transmission line between the Ocoee #2 and Ocoee #3 powerhouses. Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.5, Forest Supervisor, H. Thomas Speaks, requests comments on the proposed action. The proposed transmission line would be approximately 4.66 miles long and located approximately 20 miles east of Cleveland, Tennessee. Additional information concerning the proposed action can be obtained by contacting the Tellico Ranger District or TVA at the addresses or phone numbers listed below. A description of the proposed transmission line is also available on the Cherokee National Forest Web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r8/cherokee/planning/2003](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/cherokee/planning/2003) and the TVA Web site at <http://www.tva.com/environment/reports/index.htm>.

Comments must be postmarked or received within 30 days beginning the day following publication of this notice. Comments should be sent to: Janan Hay, Tellico Ranger District, 250 Ranger Station Road, Tellico Plains, TN 37385; telephone (423) 253-8400; fax (423) 253-2804. Oral or hand-delivered comments must be received at the above address within normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Comments may be mailed electronically to [comments-southern-cherokee-tellico@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-cherokee-tellico@fs.fed.us) in a common digital format. Please identify the project name as Ocoee 2-3 TL Replacement in the subject line when providing electronic comments.

Comments may also be sent to Peter K. Scheffler, TVA NEPA Administration, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902; telephone (865) 632-8040; fax (865) 632-6855. Additional information may be obtained at this address. Oral or hand-delivered comments must be received within TVA normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Comments may be mailed electronically to: [pkscheffler@tva.gov](mailto:pkscheffler@tva.gov). Please identify the project as Ocoee 2-3 TL Replacement in the subject line when providing electronic comments.

Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will have standing to appeal. For appeal eligibility, individuals or representative from organizations submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

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